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NEWARK REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY HAS SPENT A QUARTER OF MILLION IN LAND IMPROVEMENTS

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Newark has been the victim of various promotion schemes in the past but it affords the Press genuine satisfaction to note the work of the company that now holds Newark's destiny in its hands. The Newark Realty and Development Company is doing some genuine, constructive wor kthat is bound to have a beneficial effect upon the future of the township. It has always been the policy of the Press to advocate whatever will conserve or develop the resources of Washington Township. It is with genuine pleasure therefore that we note the work now being done at Newark under the supervision of W. C. Graham, Chief Engineer and Superintendent of Ranches of the present company. It is due to Mr. Graham's courage and devotion to the work at Newark that the splendid work is now under way. It has been mainly through his efforts that eastern capital has been secured to work out the problem in a thorough and comprehensive plan which if successful means the addition of at least a million dollars of wealth to the township.

About a year ago the backing of eastern capital was secured and the interests o fthe Tevis and Hanford people were taken over and a system atic effort was properly financed to put over some 5000 acres of land into a condition that will make it valuable agricultural land. The company during the past year has spent at least a guarter of a million dollrs in the enterprise. It has just finished planting 1000 acres to barley and other crops. An idea o fthe comprehensive nature of the plan can be gained by a visit to the Newark and Mowry districts. A system of drainage both surface and subsoil has been completed that indicates the purpose of the company to do its work thoroughly before attempting to place the properties upon the market. By use of a gopher plow and traction engines in which 245 horsepower is employed the soil has been subdrained to a depth of three feet. Lime and gypsum have been freely used to neutralize the alkaline nature of the land and every effort has been put forth to make the test a thorough one.

The company is not putting the land on the market with roseate promses that may never be fulfilled but intends to let the results attained speak for themselves. When satisfied that the work has been a success and not before the company intends to put the land on the market in twenty acre tracts. Each treact will have a house a well, and pumping plant of its own and will be sold on easy terms to buyers.

P. E. Angle, of Simcoe, Canada, the Vice President of the company, has had a great deal of experience in handling land in Canada. The company owns the Stevenson tract of 1000 acres usually known as the "Big Pasture" at Mowry's, the Carter Ranch, the Brewer Ranch, the Hall ranch and the big tract formerly held by the Pacific Land Investment Co. at Newark. During the past year sixteen miles of road have been built by the company.

A few years ago the Press vigorously opposed the development of these various properties for water exploitation and diversion and we are as a result more than gratified to announce that the present company has entirely abandoned that scheme and is endeavoring to develop the same properties as future homes for small farmers. Such a reversal of policy means much to this township. Instead of a curse it will become a benefaction if successful and it is our sincere hope that the efforts of the new company will be crowned with great success. If it does W. C. Graham, the young engineer who has stuck to the big task, will be looked upon as one of the really big men of the township.

Lots of Noise for One Mere Man

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A descendent of the old Norseman by the name of Chris Madison caused considerable annoyance last Monday and was given five days in the county jail for vagrancy by Judge Richmond. Whether Madison was off mentally or just suffering from the last stages of a sailor's spree the officers failed to determine but while in custody he proved a very interesting character. He was arrested at Alvarado after he had endeavored to wreck an automibile and after he had seized a row boat and cruised up the slough to Alvarado. He was placed in the township jail at Niles and on Tuesday morning when Constable Rose went to get him the jail was flooded with water and things generally in a nautical state. Madison evidently tried to make a hammock out of one of the beds and later concluded to sink the ship by opening all the stop cocks. Later in the day he was towed along the highway to Oakland with Constable Rose as pilot and placed in Sheriff Barnet's receiving ship.

Crowd Attracted to Hansen Trial

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The trial of Sy Hansen of Centerville on a compaint brought by M. B. Bell of San Jose on a misdemeanor charge was tried before a jury in Judge Richmond's courtroom Thursday. The charge grew out of an automobile collision near Warm Springs some four months ago. Hansen claims Bell has been trying to force an extortionate sum for the damages done Bell's machine and brought the charge at this late date because Hansen refused to stand for the amount of damages asked. Bell is a meat inspector at San Jose.

Quite a crowd of Centerville and Niles people were in attendance at the trial. Attorney Thomas J. Power of Irvington acted as counse for the defense. After hearing the testimony the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

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ENGAGEMENT OF POPULAR COUPLE IS ANNOUNCED

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The announcement of the engagement of Miss Violet Clark of Oakland and George I. Emerson, of Centerville came as a great surprise to their co-workers in the County purchasing agent's office when they made it known last Friday. The popular couple have been engaged for over a year but have kept their secret well.

Miss Clark is a charming and accomplished young woman, and holds the position of stenographer to County Purchasing Agent John M. Sabin, Jr. Mr. Emerson is assistant county expert and purchasing agent and is very popular among his many friends.

The wedding will take place in September.

Miss Clark and Mr. Emerson have a host of friends who wish them every happiness.

LETTER FROM MAN IN TRENCHES TELLS OF WAR'S HORRORS

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(Note; The following letter from the War, written by a soldier in the trenches, will be of particular interest to our readers at this time. It is published through the courtesy of Mrs. F. O. Bunting of Centerville. We are very glad to be able to print it, for it certainly is a brief and telling argument against war.)

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Somewhere in France,
Dec. 21st, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Yewdall:

Just a few lines to wish you the best of wishes for Xmas, and health and happiness during the New Year. I should very must like to have been with you for Xmas, but fate has decreed otherwise; nevertheless I am thinking of this great kindness I have received from you, and amidst these awful surroundings, the like of which I culdn't tell you. It is some comfort to know there is sympathy and kindly thoughts for us around the home fires. Whether we shall be in the trenches on Xmas Eve and Xmas Day is a matter of circumstance. I could hardly tell you how cruel the weather is, and the privations we have to suffer—God only knows. I couldn't tell you the truth, because it would be censored, and it must be left till I return, if return I ever do. I think that of all the branches of the army there is non so really supremely cruel as infantry. I used to think so in peace times, now in war I know. To have been educated, well brought up, and refined, only adds to the bitterness of it all, and it were a thousand times better if one had only known the gutter for playground, and any slattern of a woman for a mother, to be used thus. Of course this is only one man's opinion and I am intensely prejudiced as you know, so we will leave it at that. I wish I could write in a more cheerful mood, but sorry I can't. 'Tis little or nothing I can tell you about, the place we are in, except we have had any amount of rain and snow also, with intense cold and insufficient food. Of course sleeping in crowded tents in the depth of winter, may be ideal, for faddists after fresh air. 'Tis the glory of soldiering, I suppose.

Now I will say good bye, hoping you will all have a pleasant time. Whatever fate awaits me in the days that are coming I shll never forget your kindness as long as I am above ground. Let us hope that 1917 will bring the dawn of peace, and an end to this horror of the brutal slaughter of humanity.

With best wishes to you all,
Ever yours sincerely,
Wilfred Farley.

We write under great difficulties so excuse scribble.

ALAMEDA FEDERATION WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

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The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Alameda District(California Federation of Women's Clubs, wil be held in the Ball Room of the Hotel Oakland, February 15-16-17, 1917. The convention will be called to order at 10:30 a. m., February 15th. All members of the Country Club of Washington Township are invited to attend.

STATE MAY AID IN THE COLONIZATION OF RURAL LANDS

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(Concluded from last issue.)

Last week we printed part of this article showing how the Farm Loan Act would save farmers money and also enable them to pay off their loans on easy installments. Speaking further in regard to the value of the plan the article goes on to say:

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This plan will enable young men to marry and enter on a life work where they will be sure of a living, be their own master and provide a home for old age. It will keep many young people on farms whowould otherwise drift into salaried positions in cities. It is the best kind of a savings bank because the money paid draws compound interest. Already many have expressed a desire to obtain farms if the bill becomes a law.

Another feature which needs to be understood is that it is to cost the State practically nothing. Ten thousand dollars is asked to meet the administration expenses of buying land and making it ready for settlement. A revolving fund of $250,000 is to be provided, which will be loaned settlers or spent on houses and preparing land for cultivation. For this money the settlers will pay 5 per cent, while the State will receive 4 per cent. The whole of the $250,000 with 4 per cent interest is to be returned to the State in amortized payments extending over 50 years.

When one compares these long time payments, low interest rates, the saving of mistakes to the inexperienced by having with them a practical man as adviser, with the obstacles which have confronted settlers in recent years in the way of interest rates, short time payments and the cost of improvements when each settler works alone, it is easily seen that this will open up a new and broader opportunity for land seekers who have only a little money. It is likely that all the allotment in this demonstration will be applied for by young men and women from this State, but the fact that California is the first American State to conceive and carry into effect this liberal policy will cause many to come here who would otherwise never think of doing so. It only remains therefore for private colonizing enterprises to adopt the same methods and policies to bring to the State the best and largest rural progress it has ever had. A reputation for creating opportunities will do more to promote colonization than costly advertising and excessive commissions to land salesmen.

It is not intended that this demonstration colony should be the first step towards the State taking control of colonization. That is made clear on page 85 of the Commission's report, which says that all the State will do will not be enough to keep pace with our progress. But it is believed that this demonstration will have educational value in showing how the work ought to be done, which will be worth as much to private colonization enterprises as to any other part of the community. Perhaps the most enduring value of this demonstration will be the influence which it will exert o nthe methods and policies that control private colonization in pointing out exactly how aid con most effectively be extended in putting the settler in a position to prosper and earn the money with which to meet his payments.

If this colony is established it will have as a part of its sub-division plan from twenty-five to fifty two-acre homes for farm laborers. This little area will enable him to keep a cow, some pigs and chickens, and grow his own vegetables. It will provide an independent and healthful life for his wife and children. The value of these homes has been proven to be very great in Denmark, Germany, and Australia; in fact wherever tried. Everyone interested in this plan ought to reead the discussion of ahe farm labor problem on pages 62 to 65 o fthe Commission's report.

The final question is as to where this Demonstration settlement would be located. The bill provides that the Board by publication ask owners to submit land. These lands will be inspected and the area or areas thought most desirable will be bought, subject to the Governor's approval. It has been suggested that there be two 500 areas, one in Northern half of the State and the other in the South.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE STATE FARM ADVISERS

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The annual conference of Calif. farm advisers is to be held this month from the 12th to the 24th inclusive. The first week will be spent at Berkeley and Davis, during which time routine matters wil be disposed of and consultations will be held with the various specialists of the college and experiment station regarding recent additions to ogricultural information.

The second week of the conference will be spent in travel thru some of the counties in the North where farm bureaus have been established for several years.

In each of the counties a general observation will be had of the Agriculture of the County, the farm bureau demonstrations wil be examined and a farm bureau meeting attended.

Each farm bureau in the State has appointed delegates from its directors to attend this travel conference and a party of about 75 including farm advisers and farm bureau directors will tour by automobile thru Solano, Napa, Yolo, Glenn, and Placer Counties. Mr. E. G. Young of Livermore, Henry May of Decoto, Frank A. Leach Jr., of Oakland and W. C. Graham of Newark will represent the Alameda Co. farm bureau on this trip. The return trip on February 24, thru Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Alameda Counties —dinner at Livermore with farm bureau directors. etc.

At Sacramento the Conference will stop for a half hour's meeting with the Board of Directors of the County. Later i nthe afternoon the Directors of the San Joaquin County farm bureau will be met at Stockton. The conference will then come to Livermore where a meeting will be held with the board of directors of this county. Dinner will be served at Mally's Restaurant in Livermore, after which the party will return to Berkeley where the conference will come to a close.

S. F. Chronicle Raps S.V. Again

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The testimony in the east bay water company's case before the Railroad Commission discloses the fact that with the most complete development possible of the company's sources twenty years is the extreme limit of time for which they will be adequate. After twenty years the company can promise nothing more.

And, obviously, a water property adequate for only twenty years is not worth what the same property would be worth if sufficient for all future needs or even for a period greater than twenty years.

The records of the trials of past water cases are full of ingenious computations based on increased value from incerasing population, or on the cost of obtaining supplies from other sources.

All such computations may be relegated to the rubbish heap. Such calculavions are unlikely to again be offered even by the most rapacious corporation. All the decisions now consider only actual and honest investment, with no increment from any cause.

How Spring Valley will come out of the ruthless investigation of its financial history and its corrupt practices may be easily imagined. If it is finally held that its entire property was not forfeited in 1906—and we cannot see how any such conclusion can be reached—its value wil not exceed that of the actual cash honestly and prudently invested.

And that the people can easily pay without assuming any undue burden.

TOMATO CANNERY FOR CENTERVILLE NOW A CERTAINTY

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The Centerville Cannery will be in operation this year. Plans for the building have been called for and more than the required acreage for this year has been signed up. F. E. Booth of the Monterey Packing Co. will be the principa lowner and his stadning guar the financial world is a sufficient guarantee of the cannery's success.

An enthusiastic meeting of the business men and growers of Centerville was held last Friday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at which Mr. Booth was present and also Mr. F. Monnet and Mayor A. Manter of the Hunt Bros. cannery of Hayward. F. T. Hawes who has talked and dreamed of a cannery for Centerville for years presided at the meeting and had the honor to see the realization of his long cherished idea. Mr. Booth in addressing the citizens, assured them that the cannery would be built at once. Mr. Monnet of the Hunt Bros. Co. vouched for Mr. Booth's standing and ability as a business man and was warmly supported in his recommendation by Mr. Manter of Hayward.

More than the required acreage was guaranteed b ythe growers and since the meeting additional offers of acreage have been coming in. The company agrees to pay $10 a ton if the growers furnish the boxes and $9.50 a ton if the cannery furnishes them.

The people of Centerville are very enthusiastic over the successful outcome of the project and are hoping that as time passes it will grow to be even a larger institution. This season will be devoted exclusively to tomatoes. The Monterey Packing Co. of which Mr. Booth is the head enjoys a very good reputation for the standard of product turned out by them and there is no question but that Centerville is to be congratulated in securing such an enterprise as the one that now is assured.

ANOTHER SUBWAY FOR NILES

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The dangersous railroad crossing at Overacker's is soon to be done away with. A new subway is to be placed there. The new subway near the Essanay plant is awaiting the finishing of the approaches by the State Highway Commission. As soon as this work is done the subway will be opened for use.

Coming Events

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**FEBRUARY 10. Saturday Evening. Valentine's Dance at Parish Hall, Centerville. Sykes Orchestra.

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* * FEBRUARY 10. Saturday. 2:00 P. M. Baseball. Palo Alto at Washington High School, Centerville.

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* * FEBRUARY 16. Friday Evening. Entertainment. Benefit Niles and Decoto Catholic Churches. Connor's Theatre.

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EDITORIAL

The Pleasanton Times has a gaily colored word picture of the Calaveras dam last week. It took up two columns and was roseate with Spring Valley praise. It is certainly a gem and we are sorry the cost of composition prevents us from reproducing it. We may be able to afford the luxury later on and we are sure the people of Washington Township will enjoy the highly colored description. We give the opening paragraph to illustrate the wonderful production.

"The brooding silence of the Calaveras is no more. The peaceful little valley slumbering through the sunlit summers and rain-caressed winters, was more than a half-century ago the vision of a great engineer who dreaming of some day utilizing it to supply one of man's greatest needs — water."

And this is the close of the gem:

"In the short space of two years the valley will be metamorphosed into a crytsalline mirror in which is reflected only the greatness of the men who conceived and executed this work."

The patriotic loyalty of the Spring Valley Water Co. in support of the home industries o fthe county and particularly of Washington Township is shown in its attitude in the sugar beet business. Earnest Schween, son of Charles Schween, Spring Valley's local representative and servitor as well, is the agent for the Spreckles Sugar Co. whose sugar factory is not in Alameda County. The Spring Valley Co. by throwing its acreage to an outside factory is striking a blow at the local sugar factory at Alvarado which is striving hard to secure the necessary acreage and whose success means so much to Alameda County and particularly to Washington Township. Actions speak louder than words and such action strikes at the very foundation of a section's prosperity. It is only another instance of the selfish policy pursued by the Spring Valley junta at Pleasanton. It ought to be kept in mind by the people of this township who are trying to build up their section along legitimate business lines. The policy pursued by the Spring Valley Co. in this matter is in line with its policy of devastation so consistently pursued in the past.

The more prosperous Washington Township becomes the less apt her people are to surrender their rights to any of the exploiting water companies. The water companies would rather have the water rights of the township than such industries as the Alameda Sugar Co.'s factory. Some day it will dawn upon us that the worst enemy any section can have is a water company which diverts the water supply of a section to another section. The next worst enemy is the traitor who is willing to stand in with such a nenemy in order to feather his own nest.

THE DUMBARTON BRIDGE

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The building of a vehicle bridge at Dumbarton has enlisted the enthusiastic support of this section. It is more important to the people of Washington Township than the bridge over the Oakland estuary to Alameda. We concede the value and necessity of that enterprise. It will be a great advantage to both Oakland and Alameda. It will not benefit the country section so far as we can see. The Dumbarton bridge may be further off i nthe distance and it may be of more benefit to San Francisco than to Oakland. It will, however, be a great benefit to Washington Township. It will be well for our Oakland friends to remember that it will not tend to enthuse this section over Oakland's various schemes for development by throwing cold water on the Dumbarton bridge scheme.

We realize that Supervisor Joe Kelley is devoted to the Alameda estuary bridge scheme. He is right. The Dumbarton bridge scheme appeals to this section and we hope whoever happens to be supervisor from this district now or in the future will bear in mind that from a commercial and economic standpoint San Francisco appeals to Washington Township and for that matter all eastern Alameda County just as much as Oakland. When Oakland and the rest of the city end cease to look upon the country sction as a troublesome appendix only then shall we be able to rise to the support of their ambitions with much greater enthusiasm.

TIME FOR A CHANGE OF POLICY

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For a generation or more we have been fed upon the schemes of a bunch of personally promoted political ambitions. We have given too much attention and placed too much emphasis on the petty, personal fights of individuals. In other words we have been the victims of a policy which has aimed to exploit instead of a policy which has tended to conserve and develop our resources. Whether the politicians realize it or not the people are rapidly getting wise to the folly of such a course and the modern trend of economic and political forces is calling for a rout-about face. The fight for the preservation of our water supply, the coming of the Farm Bureau, the Federal Farm Loan Act, the State Highway, the encouragement of such labor promoting industries as the Alameda Sugar Co.'s factory, the California Brick Co., the Essex Lumber Co., the Victor Incubator Co., the Victory Motor Co., the Centerville Cannery, the reclamation work at Newark, the dairy industry, the attention to intensive cultivation of the land by means of irrigation all are of much more vital importance to our people than who shall be doled out the job of rat-catcher at the county infirmary or who shall be appointed or elected to any other political job.

It is only a question of a little more awakening when our people will insist that loyalty to the interests that make for the prosperity of the township are of much more vital importance than loyalty to any political combination. It is time for some of our political ostriches to get their heads out of the old political mire of an age that is passing. It is time for a newer and better policy.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD PREVENT BOYCOTT AND SYMPATHETIC STRIKES

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(Note: This matter is submitted by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerceber of Commerce for publication in explanation of the Mediation Act and the Anti-Boycott Law which have been introduced at the present session of the Legislature by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.. The Washington Press disclaims responsibility for any of the statements. Our own opinions will be found in our editorial columns.

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California Mediation Act. — Safeguarding the Public Interests in Industrial Disputes Affecting Public Service. —The California Mediation Act introduced at the present session of the Legislature by Assmblyman Goetting, with the full support of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, is a measure of State-wide interest and proposed to do for California what President Wilson believes should be done for the nation with respect to mediation in strikes and lockouts on interstate railroads.

The California Mediation Bill will affect strikes and lockouts in connection with any State public utility such as railroad companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and light, heat, water and power companies.

Where a strike or a lockout affects a public utility, like a railroad, or a telegraph company, or a light or power company, not only the comfort but the material welfare of a great portion and in some cases of all, of the public will necessarily be directly affected by a strike. The farmer who wants to ship his products to market, often products of a perishable nature, feels the effect of a railroad strike.

The whole industrial activity of the State would be affected by a strike on the telegraph or telephone companies. A power company strike might affect interurban communications or tie up industrial establishments dependent on the power generated and thus affect the employment of their employees. Whole communities might go without light in the case of a strike on a lighting company. In all these possible cases, the interest of the public is paramount to the interests of any employer or any set of employees.

The California Mediation Act does not deny the right to strike; it merely suspends that right during the time of a public investigation. It does not affect strikes or lockouts, except those occuring on public utilities.

The Mediation Act provides for a Board of Mediation to reconcile differences arising between employer and employees connected with State public utilities. In the event of the findings of the board not being acceptable to either party, the right either to strike or lockout still remains. The act suspends the right of strike or lockout during this public investigation and report. The basic principle of the act is that public opinion must prevail, but that it should be an intelligent public opinion formed after a full knowledge of the facts.

The principles involved in this law have been tried successfully in Canada under what is there kown as the "Industrial Disputes Investigation Act", which has been in force there since 1907. In a recent official report showing the operation of the Canadian Act since its adoption in March, 1907, it appears that as a result of this Act ninety per cent of the threatened strikes and lockouts have been avoided in those industries to which the Act applies. Taking one Canadian fiscal year, as a nexample, the average time taken to investigate and report upon a dispute referred under the Canadian Act was forty-nine days.

The American Federation of Labor, in its recent convention at Balitmore, unanimously declared its opposition to the suggestions of President Wilson with regard to compulsory mediation. It appears likely, therefore, that the representatives of organized labor will oppose the passage of the California Mediation Act at the present session of the California Legislature. The issue involved in this Mediation Act is the simple issue: Shall the people rule? or, in matters in which the public at large are vitally interested, shall the people be ruled by a class?

Before the public is subjected to the discomfort, to the loss to the injury, resuling from a strike or lockout on a public utility, they are surely entitled to know what the dispute is about, to form their opinion concerning the merits of the dispute and to bring to bear upon the settlement of that dispute the force of a carefully matured public opinion.

This in substance is what the Mediation Act will accomplish; and if the Mediation Act should fail of passage, the vital interests of the public must continue to be made subordinate to the clash of personal interests between employer and employee connected with the public utility services of the State.

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Anti-Boycott Law Prohibits Sympathetic Strikes and Secondary Boycotts. —The anti-boycott bill introduced at the present session of the California legislature by Senator Ballard of Los Angeles, and supported by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, is designed to make the sympathetic strike and the secondary boycott unlawful.

There is nothing in the bill affecting the right of employees to strike or to maintain a primary boycott against their own employer, for the purpose of enforcing their demands relative to their own employment or to their own labor conditions. The secondary boycott and the sympathetic strike do not come within this exception, and therefore would be made unlawful by this act.

The Ballard Anti-Boycott bill is necessary if the State is to protect its citizens from wanton injury inflicted upon them by those who may be involved in an industrial dispute to which the citizens injured are not parties. It is for this reason that the line of distinction has been drawn between the direct strike and the sympathetic strike and the primary and secondary boycotts.

The direct strike and the primary boycott affect only the employer involved in the dispute. The secondary boycott and the sympathetic strike on the contrary tend to injure those who are not directly involved in the dispute. The primary boycott has been defined by the California Supreme Court as the right of employees to cease dealing by concerted action, either socially or by way of business, with their former employer.

The employees have the right by all legitimate means by fair publication and fair oral or written persuasion, to induce others interested in or sympathetic with their cause to withdraw their social intercourse or business patronage from this employer. This right is not osught to be interfered with.

But when the employees go further than this, and request of another that he withdraw his patronage from the former employer, and use the moral intimidation and coercion of threatening a like boycott against him if he refuse so to do, it is a case of secondary boycott. This secondary boycott has been declared illegal by the English courts, the Federal courts and by the courts of most of the States of America.

There is no justice in the use of the secondary boycott involving, as it does, strangers to the dispute and inflicting injury not only upon those against whom the secondary boycott is declared and maintained but through injury to them, often affecting the general interests of the public and causing loss to them.

The industrial activities of a whole trade or of a whole community may be paralyzed through the use of the sympathetic strike or the secondary boycott and the law today affords no relief. If the law is to maintain its boast that for every wrong there is a remedy, Senator Ballard's bill should be enacted into law.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

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We are taking the liberty to publish the following very kind word from one of our readers. It is just such appreciation as this that has been our consolation during the past ten strenuous years. With all its upleasantnesses, we believe it has been worth while trying to play the game squarely. The following is compensation of the sort that really counts:

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My dear Mr. Runckel —

I do not know whether you or your son is responsible for the Child Labor article which appeared in the Press two weeks ago. What I want you to know is that it wa sread by Mrs. Bert Schlesinger at the Child Welfare Section of the San Francisco Federation of Women's Clubs when she concluded her talk on the history of child labor and the field of the Child Labor Committee, Jan. 23. You gave much more notice to the subject than the city papers and we hope that other country papers are doing likewsie as it is important that we know more on this subject. Few realize that California has a child labor problem.

Very truly yours,
J. L. B.

AT THE CHURCHES

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* * *
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Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
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Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.
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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
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Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.
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HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
* * *
Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst, pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday — Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.
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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
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8 p. m. Preaching Services.
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Will you please explain fully the method of fitting and lapping in new piston rings?

Place the cylinders on the bench and apply some ground glass and oil to the interior. The ground glass should be very fine. Then place the piston in the cylinder and work it in and out until the rings are well polished and fit tight. Lapping is an operation which requires an experienced man. Furthermore, it is advisable to use an old cylinder wherever possible, as there is danger of wearing the new cylinder.

I have trouble in starting my car when warm. I have always to spin it. It starts readily if thrown into high when rolling down a grade. What causes this difficulty?

The fact that you have no trouble in starting the motor when cold would indicate immediately that the trouble is not in the ignition system. If you will try a slightly richer mixture on the carburetor it may relieve the trouble. Another possible cause is that the valves may be adjusted too closely, so that when cold they close, but when warm there is an air leak that dilutes the mixture. Carbon trouble also acts this way at times, and if the motor has not been cleaned out lately it is suggested that the carbon be removed Another possible feature which does not come under the head of ignition is that the dry batteries may be weak.

There is a peculiar grinding noise in the transmission of my car. It is noticeable only when running on high speed and at a rate of from about fifteen to twenty-five miles per hour. Can you advise me as to what the trouble might be?

If the gears give a steady hum when the car is operated in high, there may be nothing wrong with the gears. A steady hum from the rear axle is emitted by nearly all makes of cars. However, if there are stresses at intervals in the sound the gears may be out of round. This is another way of saying that either the gears are not running true or the gears themselves are out of shape. Such a condition may be caused by improper initial, but more usually by tampering with the bevel adjustments or by the gears being allowed to operate in oil containing small particles of metal. There may be one or more teeth with high spots. It is surprising what damage dirt can do to rear axle gears. A small particle of dirt on one of the teeth may cause the gears to give an unsteady sound like that caused by gears which themselves are running out of alignment. The thrust bearings may be worn. It is advised that you have the gears removed and trued up in the shop, for it is almost impossible to detect the cause of an out of round when the gears are in the casing. If you do not wish to go to this trouble, try clean lubricant and before placing it into the case wash the case thoroughly and give the gears a good cleaning, also using kerosene freely in both instances.

My car begins to lag when about halfway up a hill. Does the slanting position of the car interfere with a proper supply of gasoline to the carburetor?

It is not likely that your trouble is due to the position of the tank, but it is probably caused by dirt in the feed pipe. The dirt does not prevent the flow entirely, but reduces it so that not enough gasoline is supplied to the float chamber to satisfy the extra demand put upon the car when it is climbing a hill. Disconnect the feed pipe at the carburetor and note whether the flow is free; if not, remove the pipe and clean it with a wire. If the trouble still persists, adjust the carburetor to give a richer mixture.

The gasoline flow, due to the low position of the tank, should not be affected except on a steep hill. If you feel, however, that the flow is not sufficient you might install a tank holding about a pint directly in front and slightly above the carburetor. This tank is merely connected in the line, has no valves and is only a reservoir, but with sufficient capacity to carry the longest hills, even though the supply of fuel were cut off.

Can a vibrator be converted to a nonvibrator coil for use with a low tension magneto?

A vibrator coil could be used as a nonvibrator coil by removing the vibrator mechanism entirely and taking the primary and secondary terminals and attaching them to their proper places. Another way would be to short circuit the vibrator terminals. The coil then virtually becomes one of the nonvibrator type. This practice is not recommended, and in connection with a low tension magneto it might result in considerable trouble. There would be little gained, as the magneto already has an interrupter and is designed for use with a nonvibrating coil.

What is your opinion of a transmission service brake?

As a general proposition such a brake is considered very efficient. In designing the parts of the cars, when a transmission brake is to be used, the extra strain that this imposes must, of course, be taken into consideration.

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In straining gasoline I have had trouble with lint. What is a good protection against it?

Most gasoline contains lint in a considerable quantity. This lint is derived from the cotton strainers through which the fluid is passed in its process of manufacture, and traps will not catch it. It must be caught by fine screens or by chamois strainers. These screens in time clog and refuse to pass the fluid. On metal screens the layer of lint can be easily seen and lifted off. An exceedingly practical protection is a large tubular screen soldered to the tank outlet cock and sticking up into the tank. The flow into the carburetor, being much slower than the movement of the contents of the tank under the motion of the vehicle, permits the lint to be washed off the screen instead of collecting in a liquid tight [illegible] thereon. Then the large area of [illegible] prevents clogging oftener than [illegible] per year perhaps.

What is a live axle, and, if any, what [illegible] advantage over other types?

A live axle is one which is a part in the transmission of power and hence [illegible] during the time the power [illegible] the opposite of a [illegible] money has the func[illegible] the wheels and which [illegible] with them. With a [illegible] to get the [illegible] by means of [illegible] with the live axle the [illegible] can be used.

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[illegible] not said whether you are [illegible] the spark so far that [illegible] is reduced. It may be that [illegible] spark linkage is connected up so [illegible] the spark ordinarily occurs too [illegible] and that the lever must be retarded all the way before the spark occurs in the proper place. If this is the case, change the setting of the spark linkage so that when the motor is cranked slowly the spark occurs at dead center with the lever retarded.

Vary the adjustment of your carburetor with the lever halfway advanced and then note whether the knocking continues. Crank the motor slowly and note which cylinders offer small resistance to the pull of the crank. If all are strong, then there are no leaky valves, pistons or rings, but if one or more are weak you should take your car to a repair shop and have the trouble fixed.

Remove the radiator cap while the motor is running and note whether the circulation of water seems free; also feel the various parts of the system and see whether the temperature is fairly uniform all over the radiator and piping. Big differences in temperature would indicate lack of circulation, caused by sediment in the water jackets, loose pieces of hose in the passageways or dirt in the radiator. A thorough flushing of the system should be sufficient to put it in good order, and, if it is not, the car should be intrusted to a repair man. A heavy coating of carbon on the cylinders will cause a knock, and the remedy is to remove the carbon. Defective ignition, if it causes a knock, should also cause a miss. Worn insulation, loose connections, poor adjustment of the vibrators, incorrect spark gap, dirty plugs and cracked porcelains are the principal ways in which the ignition may give trouble.

Which gives more power—a long or short stroke motor?

Within the limits found in ordinary practice the short and long stroke motor will develop the same power, provided the piston displacement and speed are respectively equal. Let us consider two four-cylinder motors with three hundred-inch piston displacement. The long stroke motor has a small bore, and the explosion pressure acts on a piston of small area, but this is offset by the fact that the pressure acts throughout the long stroke. In the short stroke motor the explosion pressure acts on a piston of large area, and this compensates for the fact that the stroke is short. The advantage of the long stroke motor lies in the fact that for a given piston displacement it has a smaller bore than the short stroke motor, the pistons are smaller and lighter, and the motor may be run at a higher speed, because light pistons and connecting rods do not vibrate as much as heavy ones, and it is by increasing the motor speed that the small bore, long stroke motor is made to give more power than the large bore, short stroke motor of the same size.

Is it common practice to regrind the cylinders when a motor is worn, or is it better to get new pistons and rings?

All depends upon the condition of these parts. Sometimes it is advisable to regrind the cylinders, which is the case when they are worn oval. In this case the fitting of new pistons is a difficult job, and the previous troubles would return again. If the cylinders retain their circularity then new pistons and rings may be fitted.

CENTERVILLE

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The Country Club met on Tuesday afternoon in the Club House. Mrs. W. B. Kirke, presiding. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who were present.

Miss Shinn of Niles spoke on "International Politics". Miss Shinn was very familiar with her subject and she emphasized her points with many historic statements. At the close of the address some interesting things were brought out by means of queries from several in the audience. Miss Edna Tyson, accompanied by Miss Mary Barnard gave several vocal selections which were very well rendered to the delight of her audience.

There was no business of importance transacted except the appointing of delegates to the Alameda District Federation to be held at Hotel Oakland, Cal., on Feb. 15, 16, and 17. The regular delegaes selected were Mrs. Geo. Wright, Miss Mary Brown, and Mrs. Philip Moore, the alternates were Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Satherwaite, and Mrs. Geo. Hudson.

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The Ladies Aid Society met this week with Mrs. Mowry Yates. A pleasant afteroon was spent and dainty refreshments were served.

The Reception given last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. Mathiesen by the Ladies Guild proved a great success.

Don't forget Sunday night will be evening services at the Presbyterian church. The topic will be "Astronomy and the Bible".

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Miss Mabel Mathiesen who has been quite ill with quinzy is improving.

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Mr. Sloan, the photographer, had a stroke of paralysis last Friday and was taken to the County Hospital. His condition is serious.

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Mr. Murgotten has been ill for the past week but is feeling better now.

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All fat people wishing to reduce should ask Mr. Randall for his new method of reducing before he has it patented.

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Mr. W. White spent the week end in Oakland.

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Miss Elizabeth Wills is in the hospital with a gathering in her ear.

Mr. M. Howe has returned from a two weeks visit in Los Angeles.

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Joseph Maderios Jr. of Irvington was killed in an automobile accident at Irvington last Sunday morning. Together with Johnny Bez of Irvington and Clarence and Harold Wales of Newark he was returning from a trip to San Jose. In making the turn at Irvington the automobile which was evidently going a lively rate skidded and crashed into a telephone pole in front of Dr. Grimmer's. The occupants of the car were thrown from the machine and Medeiros suffered from a fractured skull from which he died a few hours later. The young men had been at a dance in Niles and after going back to Irvington Bez and Medeiros returned to Niles and with the Wales boys took a trip to San Jose. It was on their return trip at four o'clock in the morning that the accident happened. The machine which was owned by Mr. Bez Sr. was badly demolished by the accident. None of the other young men were seriously hurt.

Deceased was the son of Joseph Medeiros, the Irvington blacksmith and besides his parents is survived by three brothers and five sisters. He was a young man who had many friends and his death is deeply deplored.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Tierney of San Bruno visited with Mrs. L. Roderick Sunday.

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Miss Hazel Riley visited with her sister Mrs. E. Hirsch on Saturday and Sunday.

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The ladies of Irvington have started a fancy work club to meet on Thursday afternoons. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. S. S. Anderson.

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Mowry Graybill has purchased a new car from our local dealer J. F. Chadbourne.

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Mrs. O. L. DeRoza of Sacramento visited with Mrs. Roderick on Sunday.

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Mrs. L. Chevarria has been quite ill but is improving nicely now.

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George Morgan visited with friends on Thursday.

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George Frick of Southern California ha sbeen visiting his mother.

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NILES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET TUESDAY

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The Miles Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday evening indorsed the proposed State law calling for separation of the inheritance taxes which the Federal government proposes to collect under the new law.

The Chamber contributed $15 toward the support of the Chamber of Commerce band and still has a nice little surplus left.

Two new street lights, one near the Catholic church and one near the old school house site near the subway was requested o fthe Board of Supervisors.

The next meeting will be nomination night and the members are looking for an interesting meeting.

It was decided to send a delegation to Redwood City to aid in boosting the proposed Dumbarton vehicle bridge. They will join with the Centerville and Newark boosters in making the trip.

The following communications were deemed of sufficient importance to be thrust upon us:

Chamber of Commerce,
Niles, Cal.
Gentlemen:

The Public Employment Bureaus desire to be of assistance to the empoyers of your city and vicinity and ask your co-operation in bringing this matter to their attention.

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Since the Public Employment Bureaus were founded, eleven months ago, positions have been found for 46,442 men and women, and thereby the State has saved them about $93,000 which they would otherwise have had to pay to private agencies.

The above positions were along the lines of Agricultural, Building and Construction, Clerical and Professional, Manufacturing, Foods, Beverages and Tobacco, Hotels and Restaurants, Lumber and Timber, Metals and Machinery, Mining Quarries, Oil, Roads and Streets, Private Homes, Transportation and Public Utilities, Wholesale and Retail Trades, etc.

The Public Empoyment Bureaus will make special efforts to supply seasonal workers for the orchards, farms, canneries, fruit packing houses, etc. Whenever groups of men are needed for such occupations in your community, kindly let us know and we will be glad to guve the question careful attention and furnish the right kind of laborers.

Yours very truly,
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The Whist party given by the Niles Womans Club o nthe 1st inst. at the home of Mrs. Thane for the benefit of the Oakland Civic Center—of which our local club is a branch—was an unqalified success.

About fifty ladies were present including a good delegation and several of our neighbors from Centerville and Irvington. There were ten tables of players and it was an Oakland lady, Mrs. Uzosorage, who won the first prize, a beautiful china cake plate. Mrs. Dr. Allne and Mrs. Alberg were tied for second prize, a pretty hand bag, Mrs. Alberg won. The consolation prize, a potted plant in bloom went to Mrs. Richmond.

While delicious refreshments were being served Mrs. Carter, president of the Oakland Center and Mrs. Frank Havens, chairman of the Finances Committee ,addressed the company and these speakers were followed by Madame Jelac who talked very entertainingly of present conditions among the women and children of France, who are within the war zone.

Twenty-five cents admission had been charged and twelve or fourteen dollars had been realized of which amount $10 is to go to the Oakland Center and the remainder to our local Womans Club. It is understood that the central body finds it difficult to meet necessary expenses of printing, distribution of literature, etc., and hence the need of some assistance from the outside branches of the organization.

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The second meeting of the Bridge club for Jenuary was held at the home of Mrs. Witherly all members present but Mrs. Mayhew who was represented by Miss Edna Tyson. Miss DeCora came from San Francisco for one more meeting—her last—with the club before her departure for Honolulu. During her absence she will be represented at the club by Mrs. Trimmingham.

Miss DeCora and Mrs. Hatch made highest scores for the afternoon. Mrs. Witherly served a fine luncheon to her guests before card playing began. The next meeting o fthe Club will be held February 13th, with Mrs. C. H. Hatch.

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The warmer weather of the last few days makes more apparent than before the general need of rain for this part of California. Orchard, grain fields, gardens, and pastures all are suffering for rain. It is reported that in the hills in the vicinity of Livermore cattle are dying for lack of the feed which could not grow during the long continuance of cold wather.

Miss Millicent Shinn and Miss Martha Sanford went to Carmel on Thursday last for a week end visit with the Joe Shinn family. It is said that Miss Shinn's new house has been completed and that she and her cousin Miss Sanford have already taken up their residence there.

As one member o fthe Oakland delegation which came up to attend the whist party at Mrs. Thane's, Niles ladies were glad to welcome Mrs. Gibson formery a resident of Niles.

Melvin T. Duffy is home again and his friends are glad to see him around, after his operation, which he underwent two weeks ago.

An entertainment is scheduled for Connors' Theatre next Friday evening, February 16th, to be given for the benelt of the Niles and Decoto parishes of the Catholic church.

Mrs. Howard Plummer will have the old "500" at Belvoir the 20th instead of the 10th of February.

Amusements

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Livermore High won the Central Alameda County Athletic League basket-ball championship on Saturday night by defeating the Richmond High 24 to 14. Livermore, a 130-pound team set up a great record with victories over Tracy, Brentwood, San Jose High, Commerce, Hayward, Gilroy and Richmond. The teams were:

Livermore	Position	Richmond
Vukota	Forward... ...	Jones
Grana	Forward	Lang
Joe McGlinchey .	Center ...	Milnes
J. McGlinchey ...	Guard	Peres
J. McGlinchey ..	Guard .. .	Marcella

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BASEBALL SEASON OPENS AT HIGH SCHOOL

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Washington high school has not taken much interest in basketball this year, but it is apparent that in baseball they are to be heard from. The season will open this Saturday afternoon with a game on the Centerville field, Palo Alto high school being the visiting aggregation of tossers. It is expected that the team will be well supported this year, for it seems as though the high school has about the best there is locally in the national game.

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VALENTINE PARTY AT CENTERVILLE

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The Young Ladies Sodality of Centerville have been planning some time for the Valentine Dance which takes place at Parish Hall, Centerville, this Saturday evening. Syke's Orchestra will furnish the music and a fine time is anticipated. The admission is fifty cents for gentlemen, ladies being admitted free. It is believed that a good crowd will be on hand for the affair, which is the second annual one of its kind.

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR TWO

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An entertainment that bids fair to attract a good many people, is to be given at Connor's Theatre Friday evening, February 16th, under the direction of M. E. Duarte of Hayward. A vaudeville performance is the nature of the affair, the proceeds of which are to go to the Niles and Decoto parishes of the Catholic Church. An eight-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

SPRING VALLEY MAY PAY TAX

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According to the District Attorney's Office which has taken up the matter of the oversight in assessing the riparian rights valuation for the Alameda County District tax, the Spring Valley Water Co. may pay the tax. The company has intimated that it does not wish to evade any just tax on account of a legal technicality. If the company does pay the tax the tax payers of the district will be saved over $3000 and next year's tax as a result ought to be materially reduced.

DUMBARTON BRIDGE BOOSTERS

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A party of Washington Township boosters for the Dumbarton Vehicle Bridge will leave today for Redwood City where a big booster meeting will be held. The Newark, Centerville, Niles and possibly Irvington and Decoto Chambers of Commerce will send representatives by auto and the people of Redwood City will know that at least this part of Alameda County is behind the project which will mean so much to this section of Alameda County.

DECOTO

The Decoto school has been closed for two weeks on account of the measles. The action was taken on the recommendation of Deputy County Health Officer Dr. L. C. Anderson of Irvington.

The California Brick Co. has a force of men at work extending the present line of kilns. It will require several months to complete the work now under way. In the meantime the company is running to its full kiln capacity.

Born. In Berkeley, Feb. 7, to the wife of Roy Lyle, a daughter. Mrs. Lyle was formerly Miss Jeanette Peterson of Decoto. Both the mother and little Marjory Ellen are doing fine.

Wm. Catterlin of Niles who is employed at the California Brick Co.'s plant expects to occupy one of the company's cottages soon and will rent his home at Niles.

The Hayward girls who are employed at the Essex Lumber Co.'s factory now travel back and forth by jitney.

NEWARK

At the meeting of the Newark Chamber of Commerce Feb. 6, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

W. C. Graham, president; J. L. Bunker, vice president; M. D. Silva, treasurer; James Curry, D. D., secretary.

Directors:

S. A. D. Buchanan, A. S. Caldeira, Earle J. Ingraham, J. A. Botto, Mrs. M. E. Bole.

There was an earnest discussion of the work the Chamber ought to do, and a determination expressed to prosecute it vigorously.

Arrangements are being made for a large delegation of members to attend the meeting on Saturday, Feb. 10, in Redwood City, in the interests of the proposed Dumbarton Bridge.

On Monday last Rev. and Mrs. Howard I. Kerr of Oakland motored down to Newark in their new Chevrolet car, bringing with them Mrs. M. K. Walker of Berkeley and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John C. Miller of Concord. They were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. James Curry.

During the past month Dr. Curry has been preaching a series of sermons on God in Nature, in Providence, in Revelation, and in Redemption. He proposes to continue in the same line on the subjects: "God and I", "God and my Neighbor", and "God and the Children".

Two classes in the Presbyterian church have just completed the study of the book, "The Living Christ for Latin America". The course proved so instructive and interesting that the classes arranged for a joint meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 8, to which the adult members of the church and congregation were invited. The programme consisted of severel brief talks on the different subjects in the book. A stereopticon lecture on South America, followed by a social hour with refreshments.

CENTERVILLE

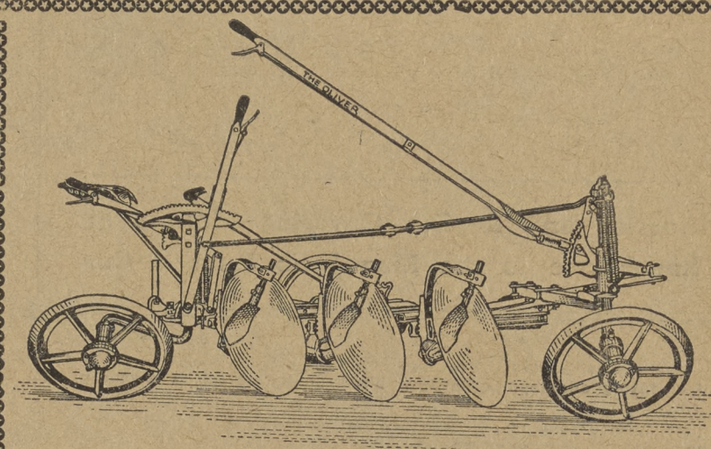
Miss Chrysilla Bunker of Palo Alto is the guest of Mrs. M. Mowry.

There has been a good deal of illness from colds. Miss Mabel Mathiesen, Mrs. J. Blacow and Rev. F. Murgotten, have been under the doctor's care. All are improving and out again.

Mrs. J. Mowry gives a party to the "Friendly Girls" and their friends on Friday evening the 16th. It is being looked forward to with much pleasure.

The St. James reception was a great success. Members and friends contributed to the display and it was remarkable the odd and new article brought in. Orders were give nthat will keep the Guild busy for many months. The Guild will meet with Mrs. Antrim Bunting on Wednesday the furteenth. There will be reports for the delegates of the House of Churchwomen, which is said to be unsuaully interesting.

The St. James church hold their entertainment on Friday of this week. It is surprising how all friends are coming out, determined to own a part of that automobile. One wants the horn, another a wheel. If they can't have a big part they are contributing something for a spark plug! or a grease cup! It is the first time this church has asked the public to assist in many years. They do not even have bazaars. So it make the "gathering in' a labor of love. And the automobile is assured.



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They were the recipients of many useful tin presents. Dancing was indulged in until three o'clock in the morning when all departed for their homes after spending a very enjoyable evening. A little crowd of fifty were in the party.

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